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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2003. This response is filed contemporaneously with a petition for a one-month extension. Commissioner is authorized to charge all fees relating to the extension and any further fees to agent's deposit account 15-0633. Applicant hereby petitions for a further extension, if required.

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**Amendments to the Drawings** are reflected on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are reflected on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listings of claims which are provided on pages 5 to 10 of this paper.

**Remarks** are provided on pages 11 to 14 of this paper.